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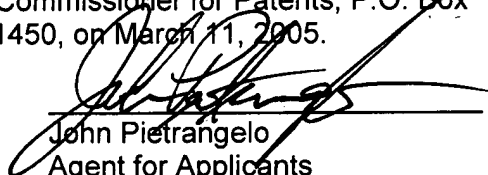
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Wing, et al. Confirmation No.: 1208
Serial No.: 09/944,190 Group Art Unit: 3763
Filed: 08/31/2001 Examiner: Desanto, Matthew F.
Title: OBTURATOR AND CANNULA FOR A TROCAR ADAPTED FOR
EASE OF INSERTION AND REMOVAL

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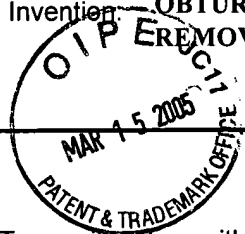
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Application No.: 09/944,190
Amendment dated March 11, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 13, 2005

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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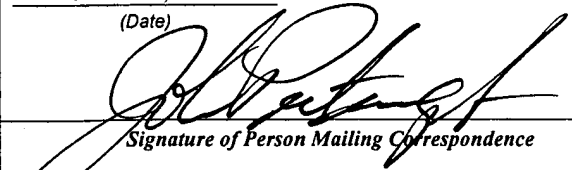
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